

REMARKS

Applicant has amended this application to add section hearings and delete multiple dependences in the claims. Applicant respectfully requests examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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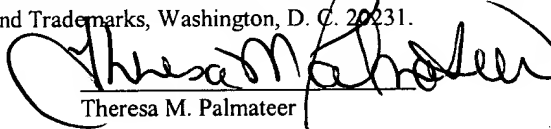
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APPENDIX A

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2. (Amended) [An] The actuator assembly as [defined] recited in Claim 1 in which the pivot axis passes through the body portion.

3. (Amended) [An] The actuator assembly as [defined] recited in Claim 1 [or 2] in which the pivot axis is proximate that end of the motor remote from the pinion.

4. (Amended) [An] The actuator assembly as [defined] recited in [any proceeding] [c]Claim 1 in which the gear rack includes at least one stop to limit movement of the rack relative to the body portion.

5. (Amended) [An] The actuator assembly as [defined] recited in Claim 4 in which [the or] each stop engages the drive shaft.

6. (Amended) [An] The actuator assembly as [defined] recited in Claim 5 in which [the or] each stop engages a portion of the drive shaft on the side of the pinion remote from the motor.

7. (Amended) [An] The actuator assembly as [defined] recited in [any preceding claim] Claim 4 in which the drive shaft passes between the array of gear teeth and a guide portion proximate the gear teeth.

8. (Amended) [An] The actuator assembly as [defined] recited in Claim 7 [when dependent on any one of Claim 4-6] in which the guide portion is supported by [the or] each stop.

9. (Amended) [An] The actuator assembly as [defined] recited in [any preceding claim] Claim 1 which further includes a housing in which the motor is secured.

10. (Amended) [An] The actuator assembly as [defined] recited in Claim 9 in which the pivot is mounted on the housing.

11. (Amended) [An] ~~The~~ actuator assembly as [defined] recited in Claim 9 [or 10] in which the pivot includes a boss of the gear rack to which in use a lever is attached.

12. (Amended) [An] ~~The~~ actuator assembly as [defined] recited in Claim 11 in which the boss at least partially projects through the housing.

13. (Amended) [An] ~~The~~ actuator assembly as [defined] recited in [any one of] Claim 9[-12] in which the drive shaft engages the housing.

14. (Amended) [An] ~~The~~ actuator assembly as [defined] recited in any one of Claim 9[-13] in which the housing is substantially sealed.

15. (Amended) [An] ~~The~~ actuator assembly as [defined] recited in any one of Claims 9[-14] in which the housing has at least a first and second part, the parts having co-operating cut-outs to provide for at least one end of the drive shaft.

16. (Amended) [An] ~~The~~ actuator assembly as [defined] recited in [any one of Claims 1-9 or 11-15 when dependent upon Claim 9] Claim 1 in which the pivot is mounted on the body portion.

18. (Amended) [An] ~~The~~ actuator assembly as [defined] recited in [any preceding claim] Claim 17 in which the motor is an electric motor.